

Indiana Land Resources Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 18, 2001

Location: Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture

Members Present:

Joe Pearson
David Hess
Eric Kelly
Mary McConnell
Riely O'Connor
Don Strietelmeier

Members Absent:

Lt. Governor Joe Kernan
John Fernandez
Bob Guernsey
Sam Smith

OCA Staff:

Joe Tutterrow
Sara Westrick

Assistant Commissioner Joe Pearson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Eric Kelly moved and David Hess seconded the motion to approve the July 31, 2001 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Greg Lindsey, Associate Director for the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, introduced Jeff Wilson from the Department of Geography at I.U.P.U.I. Wilson provided an overview of the "Statewide Benchmark Assessment of Land Use Change" that his agency is proposing. This study will utilize remote sensing (satellite imagery) and Geographic Information System (GIS) technology to show changes in land use on Indiana's landscape over the last fifteen years. The project cost estimate is \$30,000. Eric Kelly moved and Mary McConnell seconded the motion to move forward to develop contract language and purchase the images necessary to complete the study. The motion passed unanimously. Riely O'Connor, Eric Kelly and Joe Tutterrow will negotiate with the Center for Urban Policy regarding the "Intellectual Property Rights" of the material purchased and report back to the Council. This study should be completed by March of 2002.

Jamie Palmer, Planner and Research Associate for the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, presented a report of progress on the grant to complete the statewide "Study of Planning and Zoning" (copy attached). A white paper that summarizes the findings will be submitted to the Land Resources Council for inclusion in the annual report.

Jill Saligoe-Simmel, Chair of the Indiana Geographic Information Council, presented an update on the grant project to create the framework for a statewide GIS Initiative. The ILRC grant was used to obtain an 80% match from the Federal Highway Administration of approximately \$65,000. A final report will be completed by the end of October for inclusion in the annual report.

Jamie Palmer, Planner and Research Associate for the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, presented findings from the 2001 Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (IACIR) Survey (copy attached).

Dave Hess, Council Member and Elkhart County Administrator, provided an update of progress on the Elkhart County Pilot Project. The visit from the Land Use Consortium's "Resource Team" spurred the local group to take a look at their ten-year-old strategic document titled "Take Charge". They have connected with the Elkhart County Community Foundation and are beginning to update this strategic planning document. Morton Marcus, Economist with the Kelly School of Business, is working with this project to look at the cost of sprawl.

Ron Thomas, Director of Special Projects, and Daniel Buck, Development Specialist and Planner for the Indiana Department of Transportation, provided information on the opportunities for public participation and input into INDOT's Master Planning process (copy attached). Eric Kelly asked how INDOT considers land use impacts in their decision-making. Kelly asked if local plans are considered. The Council suggested that a work group should be formed to look at these questions. By consensus of the ILRC, a recommendation was made that John Fernandez, Dave Hess and Eric Kelly should work with Joe Tutterrow to develop this group.

The Council discussed items that could be included in the Annual Report. This includes:

- Planning & Zoning, Statewide Assessment from Center for Urban Policy
- Intergovernmental Survey from Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations
- Land Use Conversion information if available
- Cost of Services (Builders/BAGI)
- Current Agricultural data from Purdue
- Current Forestry Data from USDA and DNR/Forestry
- GIS statewide status
- Land Trusts / Easements
- Other White Papers

Other updates included:

- Progress of White Papers
- Summer Study Committee Topics include Payment in Lieu of Taxes and Classified Farmland
- Purdue Land Use Team is undergoing a leadership transition.
- Statewide logo contest for ILRC is being considered, targeting 6th graders around the state.
- Research on Belvedere Fund revealed it isn't available to state agencies.
- Progress is being made on the ILRC website
- Another Ultimate Farmland Tour returned on September 10th. The next tour is being planned for April of 2002.

The Council completed a cursory review of IC 15-7-9. Joe Tutterrow will follow-up with Council members to complete this assessment.

With no time for additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Joe Tutterrow, Director